

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Dwyer**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Public Libraries - Boards of Trustees - Repeal of Corporate Charter**
3 **Exemption**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision that exempts certain members of a
5 board of library trustees existing under a certain corporate charter from
6 appointment by the county governing body; and generally relating to the county
7 public libraries and boards of trustees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 23-403(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 23-403.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph [(3)] (2) of this subsection, each
18 board of library trustees consists of seven members appointed by the county
19 governing body from nominees submitted by the board of library trustees.

20 (2) [A board that existed before 1945 under a corporate charter may
21 continue as constituted if:

22 (i) It has at least seven members;

23 (ii) The members are chosen on the basis of character, ability, and
24 demonstrated interest in library matters; and

25 (iii) The members meet the qualifications required under subsection
26 (b) of this section.

1 (3)] In Harford County, the Board of Trustees consists of at least 7
2 members, but not more than 11 members, appointed by the county governing body
3 from nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2004.